Mr. N. S. SUBBA RAO.—The teachers are quite competent and highly qualified. Of course there may be some who might do better, but the candidates also must prepare better. However, we are trying our best to improve the position.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Is there any understanding that the passes should not exceed a particular percentage in any year?

Mr. N. S. SUBBA RAO.—No.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—Is it not desirable to raise the percentage of passes?

Mr. N. S. SUBBA RAO.—We are not anxious to make boys unnecessarily fail in the examinations. After all they are our pupils and we should be glad if all of them get through. But the difficulty here, as elsewhere, is that certain standards are fixed and if candidates do not come up to those standards, they cannot pass. There is no use in merely passing candidates without due regard to standards.

ANOTHER MEMBER.—Is there any relation between the number of seats available in the B.A. classes and the number of passes in the Intermediate Examination?

Mr. N. S. SUBBA RAO.—No.

Waste Silk Factory.

Q.—4. Mr. S. I. MUMTHAZ (Minorities).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have guaranteed 5 per cent return on the shares of the Mysore Silk Waste Factory;

(*b*) what is the number of shares that the Government propose to take in the Factory;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to permit the co-operative societies in Mysore to take up the shares of the Silk Waste Factory out of their reserve funds?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Ten per cent of the issued capital.

(*c*) This it not allowed by the Regulation.

Mr. S. I. MUMTHAZ.—Was it not a fact that some time back when the question of starting a factory was under consideration, the Government were prepared to guarantee a return of 5 per cent?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Yes, but before a final decision was taken, Government were advised that no guarantee was called for as the factory was sure to work at a profit.

Mr. S. I. MUMTHAZ.—Have Government got the same confidence even now?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Yes. In fact, Government sent samples of the waste silk to England for experimental purposes and the results are very encouraging.

Mr. S. I. MUMTHAZ.—In the answer it is stated that co-operative societies should not invest their reserve funds in purchasing shares in this concern. What is the reason for such a prohibition?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Because it would be against the Co-operative Regulation.

Mr. S. I. MUMTHAZ.—In that case, would it not be desirable to amend the Regulation in view of the fact that at present the reserve funds are invested in securities which do not bring in even 3½ per cent return?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—It is not expedient to modify the Regulation because there is some amount of speculation involved in industrial investments. Co-operative societies ought not to risk their funds on such investments.

Mr. M. SUBBAIYA.—Can co-operative societies purchase shares at least out of share capital?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Provided their bye-laws permit of such investment.

Mr. M. SUBBAIYA.—Similarly if the bye-laws of any society permit of reserve funds being invested on shares in such concerns, can they so invest?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—There can be no such bye-laws under the Regulation. Reserve funds of

co-operative societies can be invested only in gilt-edged securities.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—The Government have purchased 10 per cent of the shares. Could they not go in for more?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Just to show their interest in, and also to have proper control over, the concern they have taken 10 per cent of the shares. That seems to be sufficient.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Do the Government give any special concessions to this concern?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Nothing beyond giving water and electric power at concession rates.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—If the Government take more shares, will they not get more profit?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Profit-making is not the sole object of Government. Besides, the shares are being freely subscribed for by the public.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Are the bulk of them Mysoreans or outsiders?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Notice.

Mr. T. L. GANGOJI RAO.—Is there enough raw material to feed the factory?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Yes.

Mr. T. L. GANGOJI RAO.—Will there be a favourable market for all our finished goods?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—It is hoped so.

Mr. T. L. GANGOJI RAO.—Are Government aware that raw material from outside is finding heavy sales within the State and stocks of our waste silk are accumulating?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—That is why we are starting the Waste Silk Factory here, so that all the raw material may be put to proper use.

Central Radio Station.

Q.—5. **Messrs. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR** and **M. SIDDE GOWDA** (Special Interests); **V. VENKATAPPA** and **T. MADIAH GOWDA** (Channapatna Taluk); **Patel VEERE GOWDA** (Doddballapur Taluk); **G. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA** and **S. KARIAPPA** (Kankanhalli Taluk); **R. DASAPPA** (Devanhalli Taluk); **H. GANGAPPA** and **M. S. PUTTARAMA SETTY** (Magadi Taluk); **Nilgiri G. SANJEEVIAH** and **S. SHARABHANNA** (Anekal Taluk); **Patel GANGIAH** (Nelamangala Taluk); **A. M. VENKATASAMIAH** (Closepet Municipality) and **VEERASANJEEVA GOWDA** (Closepet Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) is it a fact that both in the Assembly and in the Legislative Council a desire has been expressed that Government should erect a Central Radio Station in the State and instal loud speakers in as many villages as possible;

(*b*) what are the financial implications of the scheme;

(*c*) has the idea been taken up by Government;

(*d*) what efforts have the Government made so far in this direction;

(*e*) will the Government be pleased to state why they have not given effect to the desire of the people in this matter?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. A. V. Ramanathan).**

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) No definite scheme of a State broad-casting service has been worked out.

Government have, however, sanctioned an initial equipment grant of Rs. 6,000 and a recurring grant of Rs. 300 per mensem for a period of two years to the Akash Vani Broadcasting Station of Dr. Gopalaswamy at Mysore.

The Mysore City Municipality have also sanctioned a sum of Rs. 500 during the current year to the Akash Vani.

The Bangalore City Municipality is taking action for installing a short wave transmitting set at a cost of Rs. 8,000.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—What are the attempts made so far by the Government in the direction of having a central radio station in the State?